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# List of non-governmental organizations requesting accreditation to the Second World Assembly on Ageing and its preparatory committee

## Note by the Secretariat

In accordance with paragraphs (b) and (c) of decision 2001/PC/3, adopted by the Commission for Social Development acting as the preparatory committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing, the Bureau hereby submits a list of non-governmental organizations that have applied for accreditation to the preparatory committee and the Second World Assembly on Ageing for approval by the preparatory committee, supplementing document E/CN.5/2001/PC/5, which contained applications received before the initial deadline of 22 October 2001.

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**1. African Initiative on Ageing (AFIA)**

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**Scope** International
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**

AFIA is an organization committed to and concerned with achieving overall improvement of the quality of life and situation of the elderly in Nigeria and elsewhere in Africa. Established in 1996, AFIA has developed policies and programmes in areas such as awareness-raising on the situation and needs of the elderly, health enhancement, adult education and training. AFIA has also established working relationship with major international NGOs active in the field of ageing.

**2. Age Action Ireland Ltd**

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**Scope** International
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**

Age Action Ireland is the national independent network on ageing and older people of Ireland. It is primarily a national network with increasing activities at the local and regional levels. However, it has given high priority to developing close cooperation with other organizations in other countries, particularly through programmes and activities sponsored by the European Union, but also in developing countries through its involvement in organizations such as HelpAge International. Age Action Ireland aims at improving the quality of life of older persons, especially those who are the most disadvantaged and vulnerable, by enabling them to live full, independent and satisfying lives, for as long as they wish in their own homes, or in other appropriate accommodation.

**3. Age Concern, New Zealand Incorporated**

3rd Floor, Riddiford House, 150 Featherston Street, P. O. Box 10-688, Willington, NEW ZEALAND

**Tel** 64-(0)4-471 2709 **Fax** 64-(0)4-473 2504
**Email** national.office@ageconcern.org.nz
**Website** www.ageconcern.org.nz
**Contact**
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**

Age Concern New Zealand has four primary goals: to empower older people through achieving and enhancing their mental, physical, emotional and spiritual well-being; to promote understanding and positive attitudes to ageing: to maintain visible, respected profile of its voice as an advocacy organization for the elderly; and to acknowledge the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi. Age Concern

New Zealand is an organized and effective organization working at the local, regional and national levels. It has over many years been a key advocate for older people, playing a significant role in raising awareness of older peoples issues with policy makers. It has been instrumental in designing and implementing programmes to prevent elder abuse and neglect. It has also been a major provider of volunteer services to improve the well-being of older people.

**4. Age Concern Northern Ireland**
3 Lower Crescent, Belfast BT7 1NR, NORTHERN IRELAND
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**Website**
**Scope** National
**Purpose and Objectives:**
Age Concern Northern Ireland is a national voluntary organization, committed through campaigning and service provision, to promoting the rights of older people as active, involved and equal citizens. It is involved in responding to, and the development of, policy in Northern Ireland as it impacts upon older people. As a result of this, Age Concern Northern Ireland has produced 'Agenda for the Age – The Road Ahead for Older People in Northern Ireland' and is in close contact with the Northern Ireland Assembly.

**5. AGE-European Older People's Platform**
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**Email** age.information@skynet.be
**Website**
**Contact** Christine Marking
**Scope** International
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
Policies and initiatives of the European Union have significant impacts on the lives of all European citizens. This is why one of AGE's main aims is to ensure that EU policies adequately reflect the needs, concerns and interests of all European older and retired people. AGE actively campaigns in order for the European Union to develop specific policies aimed at older and retired people, as well as to incorporate the notion of ageing and older and retired people into all other relevant EU initiatives. Main cornerstones of AGE's work are: integration, participation, inclusion, access, choice, well-being, independence, equal opportunities, life course approach, intergenerational solidarity.

**6. All Japan Construction, Transport and General Workers' Union (CTG)**
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**Website**
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**Scope** National
**Representatives**

**Purpose and Objectives:**
CGT works for better wages, decent working conditions and improvement of the life and social status of the working class. It fights for reforms of labour laws and guarantee rights of workers and their unions to organize and bargain collectively. CGT strives for the establishment of a national uniform minimum wage system, the improvement of employment and unemployment security system, democratization of taxation, regeneration of the public transportation system and the preservation of the environment.

**7. All Japan Pensioners' Union**
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**Website** www2.odn.ne.jp/~aae41550
**Contact** Fujiko Moriguchi
**Scope** National
**Purpose and Objectives:**
All Japan Pensioners' Union (JPU) is one of the leading groups defending the interests of senior citizens in Japan. It strives to defend older peoples' lives and rights. Its works is related to social security, nursing care system and welfare programmes. JPU has worked on yearly signature campaigns for the petition for better pension schemes. It has also invested efforts on making local governments improve welfare programmes for the elderly.

**8. Alzheimer Europe**
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**Contact** Jean Georges
**Website** www.alzheimer-europe.org
**Scope** International
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
Alzheimer Europe is an umbrella organization of 31 European associations of people with dementia and those assisting them. It aims at: promoting support for patients suffering from Alzheimer disease or related disorders; raising awareness of Alzheimer disease by the medical profession, paramedical organizations, social services and the European Commission and European Parliament; developing models for improved care to Alzheimer patients; encouraging and supporting research on the cause, early diagnosis, treatment and prevention of Alzheimer disease; and promoting worldwide cooperation with organizations working in the field of Alzheimer disease and other dementia.

**9. ANBO-Association for People over Fifty**
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**Website**
**Contact** Bert Lokhorst
**Scope** National

**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
ANBO is the league of citizens aged 50 years and beyond. It defends both individual and collective rights and interests of senior citizens. The league works at national, and local levels, on its own or jointly with other interest groups, to improve the position and situation of the elderly in society. ANBO has four main aims: promoting collective interests; organizing socio-cultural activities, stimulating members participation in social life; and remain an independent organization providing services to its members. ANBO works on issues such as income/revenue, health care, housing and social participation.

**10. Asociación Bienestar y Desarollo**
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**Website**
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
The goals and objectives of this organization are to promote, manage, administer and strengthen broad developmental strategies at the national level, as a support to governmental actions. It also aims at enlightening non-governmental actions and supporting other non-governmental organization so as to give them visibility and recognition as useful instruments in national efforts for economic and social development.

**11. Asociacíon Civil Diagonal**
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**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
Diagonal aims at contributing to the improvement of the quality of life of the population through access to knowledge and basic social services. It is made of a nurtured group of professionals and technicians with commitment and experience in diverse social areas. Diagonal believes that knowledge of social development may guaranty effectiveness in social expenses through adjusting priorities. It may also improve the monitoring and evaluation of social services and increase participation of society in all areas of public life. Through its work, Diagonal intents to contribute to the improvement of the capacity of provinces and municipalities in the management of social investments. Its also strives for social equality, productive employment and social solidarity.

**12. Asociacíon Gerontologica Costarricense-AGECO**
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**Website**
**Contact** Zaida Esquivel

**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
The principles behind activities conducted by AGECO are based on the needs of the elderly to be viewed as active members of society carrying value and wisdom essential to the well-being of families, communities and society. With this background, GECO strives to educate the general public about the ageing process; it fights stereotypes and discrimination against older persons. AGECO works at the community level to encourage participation of older people in development programmes. It promotes social integration of older persons through involving them into community and family-related initiatives. It encourages older people to assume active role in all sectors of life putting emphasis on socio-economic activities.

**13. Asociacion Interdisciplinaria de Gerontologia de Colombia (AIG)**
Apartado 52366 Bogotá 2, D.C., COLOMBIA
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**Contact** Elisa Dulcey-Ruiz
**Scope** National
**Representatives** José Olinto Rueda, Margarita Guzman, Aura Marlene Márquez, Silvio Velásquez, María del Socorro Lara
**Purpose and Objectives:**
The purpose of AIG is to join efforts of professionals in different areas related to ageing in order to: (a) promote basic and applied research in all areas relating to ageing; (b) perform and promote the divulgation of information on progress in ageing-related research, as well as its application; (c) establish scientific exchange with national, international and foreign governmental or non-governmental organizations that pursue similar objectives; (d) stimulate the permanent training of its members in all aspects associated with ageing; (e) facilitate training of highly qualified personnel in the field of gerontology research ; and (f) serve as a consultant and advisor on national policies and development plans to governmental and non-governmental organizations working on ageing.

**14. Asociación Multidisciplinaria de Gerontologia AMAG)**
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**Website**
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**Scope** National
**Purpose and Objectives:**
AMAG is a platform of professionals and scholars from various academic backgrounds working in the field of gerontology and geriatrics. It aims at promoting intellectual debate and sharing experiences so as to propose responsive policy measures and programmes relating to the situation of older people.

**15. Asociación Pro-Vida Peru**
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**Email** faguirres@starmedia.com
**Contact** Felipe Aguirre Salinas

**Website**
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
Pro-Vida Peru is a charity institution striving for the welfare of the elderly. It has been in service for twelve years and belongs to a broader international NGO network working in the field of ageing under the direction of HelpAge International. It is made of a team of professionals committed to working in support of the elderly. Its activities include research and academic work in the field of geriatrics and gerontology, as well as service delivery in favour of older persons.

**16. Association de Secours et Aide des Victimes de l'Est du Congo (ASAVIDE-ASBL)**
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**Contact** Namwisi Mwata
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
The work of ASAVIDE is aimed at supporting war victims in Eastern provinces of Congo through provision of shelter, health, educational and training facilities; fighting war and its devastating consequences; lobbying the government so as to support and assist war victims; and sensitizing the international public opinion on the tragedy of the war in Congo.

**17. Association of Jewish Aging Services**
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**Email** AJAS@AJAS.ORG
**Website** www.ajas.org
**Contact** Jodi L. Lyons
**Scope** International
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
The Association of Jewish Ageing Services represents virtually all of the not-for-profit, Jewish-sponsored, long-term care organizations throughout the United States and Canada. The Association was designed to provide a forum that promotes and supports elder services in the context of the Jewish values through education, professional development, advocacy and community relationships. Its members provide services to a large number of senior citizens through adult day care, care management, counseling, diagnostic and treatment services, emergency response, family support, geriatric assessment, home health care, homemakers/chore, hospice, incontinence assistance, meals, outpatient clinics, rehabilitation services, respite care, senior employment services and telephone support.

**18. Bangladesh Association for the Aged and Institute of Geriatric Medicine (BAAIGM)**
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**Contact** Mahboober Rahaman
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
The main purposes of the Association are: to promote physical and mental well being of older people so that they live a pleasant and productive life in society; to assess the causes and effect of disease and disability affecting older persons and prevent or reduce them; to disseminate information on socio-economic, familial and other problems of older persons and create awareness of how to address these problems. BAAIGM undertakes various activities for the welfare of the aged.

**19. Bangladesh Women's Health Coalition (BWHC)**
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**Email** bwhc@bdonline.com
**Website**
**Contact** Anwarul Azim
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
BWHC works with and for underprivileged and marginalized women, children and adolescent through health-oriented development programmes, with a prime focus on reproductive health services and action-oriented community education. BWHC runs twenty-six reproductive health centers in rural, semi urban and urban locations. Currently, BWHC is working on a project dealing with health concerns of older women with the support of HelpAge International.

**20. Bevordering Maatschapppelijke Participatie-BMP (Foundation for the Promotion of Social Participation)**
Sarphatikade 13, NL-1017 WV Amsterdam, THE NETHERLANDS
**Tel** 20 428 27 28 **Fax** 20 428 29 28
**Email** bmpadam@xs4all.nl
**Website**
**Contact** W. A. Budding
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
The Foundation is a project-oriented organization operating mainly at the national level and sometimes at the European level. It was set up in 1986 as a supporting foundation for social action activities in the Dutch Province of North Holland. Since 1992, it has operated as an autonomous organization aimed at promoting people's participation in the development of society. BMP is specifically oriented at scanning emerging social issues and at working out methods which give the most powerful opportunities to people to realize themselves as human beings who are fully entitled to take part on an equal footing in society's structure and development.

**21. Canadian Association on Gerontology (CAG)**
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**Website** www.cagacg.ca
**Contact** Linda O'Rourke
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
The Canadian Association on Gerontology (CAG) is a multidisciplinary scientific and educational organization established to provide leadership in matters related the ageing of the population. It seeks to improve the lives of older Canadians through the creation and dissemination of knowledge in gerontological policy, practice, research and education.

**22. Canadian Centre for Activity and Aging**
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**Email** Neccles@uwo.ca
**Website** www.uwo.ca/actage
**Contact** Nancy Ecclestone
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
The mission of the Canadian Centre for Activity and Aging is to develop, encourage and promote an active, healthy lifestyle for Canadian adults that will enhance the dignity of the ageing process. The Centre is a research and community resource institution. Its mandate is to investigate the relationship of physical activity and ageing and to develop strategies based on research to promote the independence of senior citizens.

**23. Canadian Ethnocultural Council (CEC)**
176 Gloucester Street, Suite 400, Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA K2P 0a6
**Tel** 613 230 3867 **Fax** 613 230 8051
**Email** cec@web.net or cec3@web.ca
**Website** www.cecethnocultural.ca
**Contact** Anna Chiappa
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
The purpose of CEC is to ensure the preservation, enhancement and sharing of the cultural heritage of Canadians, the removal of barriers that prevent some Canadians from participating fully and equally in society, and the elimination of racism. CEC has been involved in several projects and activities to promote the healthy ageing and seniors in Canada.

**24. Canadian Pensioners Concerned Incorporated**
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**Email** canpension@lefca.com
**Website** www.canpension.ca
**Contact** Margaret Watson
**Scope** National

**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
The Mission of Canadian Pensioners Concerned, Inc. is to ensure the well-being of all Canadians by advocating responsible policies, legislation and services that support and promote safe and healthy communities. The organization works at three levels: national, provincial and local. Its objectives are: to advocate of behalf of seniors and others; to develop healthy attitudes about ageing and the aged; to encourage seniors to volunteer their time and talents to fulfil its mission; to urge action by encouraging members to lobby relevant authorities and political representatives about issues of concern; to educate seniors about maintaining their well-being; and to encourage international communication about ageing.

**25. Cape Peninsula Organization for the Aged (CPOA)**
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**Email** copoa@iafrica.com
**Contact** WTJ Rauch
**Website**
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
Known originally as the South African Association of Homes for the Aged, CPOA is an umbrella organization. It focuses on assisting and guiding member organizations in South Africa to understand legal provisions and their application. It arranges workshops and trains managers and staff to manage care to the aged effectively. It negotiates with the Department of Social Welfare and other governmental agencies on various issues and white papers regarding welfare.

**26. Centre for Education, Development Action and Research (CEDAR)**
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**Website** http://education.vsnl.com/cedar/
**Contact** T. Chinnaraj Joseph
**Scope**
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
The mission of CEDAR is to enable NGOs and civil society institutions in India to make effective use of the space available to them to address issues related to poverty. This is achieved by way of: (a) systematically building the knowledge base through research, experiential learning and documentation; (b) promoting meaningful development education and exchange; (c) developing new models of programme intervention related to gender parity, environment etc. at the grassroots level; (d) promoting meaningful civil society - State dialogue and co-operation; and (e) enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of NGOs through capacity building. CEDAR has been working on issues affecting older persons from the perspective of vulnerability reduction. In this regards, it is currently working with HelpAge International in developing a training resource kit on livelihood options for older persons.

**27. Center for Strategic and International Studies**
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**Contact** Paul Hewitt
**Website** www.csis.org
**Scope** International
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
CSIS is a non-profit public policy research institute. It identifies strategic trends in the United States and around the world. It develops new ideas and policy approaches to address those trends and networks with state, national and global leaders to translate their ideas into reality. Under its Global Aging Initiative, the Center assesses the implications of ageing population in the United States, Europe and Japan for the stability of international markets and for global security. It identifies policy reforms to address those risks. The goal of the Initiative is to foster coordination on fiscal, saving and financial market policies and to navigate what will be the first stage in a long-term demographic transition.

**28. Centro de Estudios e Investigaciones del Trabajo (CESTRA)**
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**Email** cestra@colnodo.apc.org
**Website**
**Contact** Francisco Trujillo
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
CESTRA aims at conducting research and disseminating information taking into account developments relating to the labour market in Colombia and conditions of workers. It deals also with hygiene and health issues as they affect the well-being of workers.

**29. Comité nationale Dag van Ouderen (Dutch National Committee for Older Persons)**
Postbus 1999, 6801 BZ Arnhem, THE NETHERLANDS
**Tel** 31 26 3779733 **Fax** 31 26 377 97 30
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**Contact** Alexander van Kerkhof
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**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
The Dutch National Committee for Older Persons is an umbrella organization bringing together Dutch NGOs active in the field of ageing. It aims at giving a form and content to the annual observance of the Day of Older Persons proclaimed by the United Nations; furthering the appreciation of older persons and the values they carry for our societies; and stimulating and realizing projects in which exchange and cooperation are the central elements.

**30. Community Aid and Sponsorship Programme (CASP)**
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**Contact** R. H. Blavadi
**Website**
**Scope** National

**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
CASP is a non-political and non-profit developmental organization established in 1975 for covering programmes in health, education, housing and income generation. It has a special division dealing with ageing and has established a national secretariat for senior citizens.

**31. Conciencia Activa**
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| **Website** | | | |
| **Contact** | Petra de Antonio | | |
| **Scope** | International | | |

**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
Conciencia Activa aims at promoting social rights of disadvantaged groups with emphasis on activities relating to prevention and control of war. It fights all forms of discrimination on the ground of race, gender and age. Regarding specific issues on ageing, Conciencia Activa strives to defend the constitutional rights of the elderly and retirees with the purpose of improving the quality of life in all countries and specifically in Spanish speaking communities. It advocates for effective social and economic integration of older persons. Conciencia Activa has participated in the design, evaluation and monitoring of social policies and programmes for the elderly. It has also supported campaigns for appropriate pensions for the elderly.

**32. Confederacíon de Federaciones y Asociaciones deViudas Hispania (CONFAV)**
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| **Website** | | | |
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| **Scope** | International | | |

**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
CONFAV is the Federation of Spanish Widows. It represents 350.000 Spanish widows as well as national associations of widows from Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Pacific region.

**33. Confederacíon Española de Familares de Enfermos de Alzheimer y Otras Demencias (Union of Associations of Families with Alzheimer and/or other diseases of Spain)- CEAFA**
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| **Email** | Alzheimer@cin.es | | |
| **Website** | www.ceafa.org | | |
| **Contact** | Paloma Ramos Guzman | | |
| **Scope** | National | | |

**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
CEAFA was founded in 1990. Its main aim is to advocate and act as the spokesman for families of people affected by the Alzheimer disease and other brain-related diseases. Its goals and objectives are

to: (a) coordinate the activities of its members; (b) promote the knowledge and recognition of Alzheimer disease; (c) manage and request the necessary funding, and request an increase of the help received in this area; (d) modify the laws to further a better protection for the members of the associations; and (e) prevent the marginalization of Alzheimer patients.

**34. Confederacíon Española de Organiciones de Mayores (CEOMA) – Spanish Confederation of Older People's Organization**

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| **Website** | www.ceoma.org | | |
| **Contact** | Eduardo Rodriguez Rovira | | |
| **Scope** | National | | |
| **Representatives** | | | |

**Purpose and Objectives**:

CEOMA is a confederated organization created for the serving, coordinating and promoting of the interests of the elderly. It is a Spanish Platform confederating all older people's organizations with a view to giving more visibility to issues relating to ageing at the national as well as international levels. CEOMA represents and manages the interests of the elderly organizations, promotes the creation of such organizations and studies problems confronting ageing-related organizations in order to propose adequate solutions.

**35. Conferación Mesa Federal de Jubilados, Pensionados y Tercera Edad de la Republica Argentina**

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| **Contact** | Maria Victoria Carbone | | |
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| **Scope** | National | | |
| **Representatives** | | | |

**Purpose and Objectives:**

Mesa Federal is a non-governmental organization that brings together 1,295 centres and 32 federations of pensioners and senior citizens living in institutions. It represents more than 500,000 members. The main objectives of Mesa Federal are: (a) to contribute, at national level, to the constant improvement of senior citizens' quality of life, from an economic, social, cultural and political point of view; (b) to work with trade unions to protect and improve the pension system by representing pensioners in social security bodies; and (c) to promote solidarity throughout the country's population so that successive generations of pensioners can enjoy the social security benefits acquired.

**36. Congress of Union Retirees of Canada (CURC)**

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| **Tel** | 613 526 7422 | **Fax** | 613 521 3113 |
| **Email** | curc@clc-ctc.ca | | |
| **Website** | | | |
| **Contact** | Robert McGarry | | |
| **Scope** | National | | |
| **Representatives** | | | |

**Purpose and Objectives:**
CURC acts as an advocacy organization to ensure that the concerns of senior citizens are heard throughout Canada. It works to bring together various organizations representing retired union members across Canada. It monitors collective bargaining trends, social, economic, educational and legislative actions of interest to retired union members and their families. CURC fights for the rights of retired persons to have an equitable standard of living. It cooperates with other organizations with similar objectives on mutual campaigns for long-term goals.

**37. Consortium Peru: Ageing and Development**
Jr. Berlín 1353, Mraflores, Lima 18, PERU

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| **Email** | jrcuadros@cooperaccion.com or capisperu@terra.com.pe | | |
| **Website** | | | |
| **Contact** | Consuelo Sheen de Morín | | |
| **Scope** | National | | |
| **Representatives** | | | |

**Purpose and Objectives:**
Consortium Peru is an organization of professionals and scholars acting as a technical team from three major NGOs: Asociacíon Promotora Universidad de la Tercera Edad, Centro de Asistencia y Promocíon Integral en Salud and Acción Solidariia para el Desarrollo. The major objective of Consortium Peru is to fight to incorporate ageing as a mainstream concept in the analysis, assessment and strategies of sustainable development.

**38. DanAge Association**
Vester Farimagsgade 15, DK-1606 Copenhagen V, DENMARK

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| **Email** | Dorthe.Wille@aeldresagen.dk | | |
| **Contact** | Bjarne Hastrup | | |
| **Website** | | | |
| **Scope** | National | | |
| **Representatives** | | | |

**Purpose and Objectives:**
DanAge Association is a national membership organization founded in 1986. Its work is carried out according to the following principles: (a) older people should be accepted as equal citizens; (b) older people should have the right to make decisions on their own lives; (c) older people should be given the opportunity to look after themselves on their own terms for as long as possible; (d) frail older people should be given proper and dignified care and support. To achieve those goals, DanAge Association undertakes political campaigns targeting parliament as well as county authorities. It also launches social and humanitarian campaigns focusing on lonely order people.

**39. Federación de Sociedades Españolas**
Bernado de Frigoyen 172, 1072 Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA

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| **Tel** | 54 11 4334 0300 | **Fax** | 54 11 4334 0300 |
| **Email** | | | |
| **Website** | | | |
| **Contact** | Daniel Jose Vigo Marinas | | |
| **Scope** | National | | |

**Purpose and Objectives:**
The Federation stands for the interests of various Spanish associations and communities. In so doing, it liaises with authorities from both Argentina and Spain. The social welfare subcommittee of the Federation carries out health and social development programmes relevant to the situation and needs of the elderly.

**40. Federacion Nacional de Pensionados**
Apado Postal 10.170 –1000 San Jose, COSTA RICA
**Tel** 221 23 34 **Fax**
**Email** anajopt@nacsa.co.cr
**Website**
**Contact**
**Scope** National
**Purpose and Objectives**:
This federation gathers associations of pensioners and retired persons in Costa Rica. Its objectives are: linking different national associations of the elderly; defending and promoting their interests and forging mutual assistance among them.

**41. Federal Superannuates National Association**
1052, Boul St-Laurent Blvd, Ottawa, Ontario, K1K 3B4, CANADA
**Tel** 613 745 2559 **Fax** 613 745 5457
**Email** info@fsna.com
**Website** www.fsna.com
**Contact** Jean-Guy Soulière
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
The main purpose of the Federal Superannuates National Association is to protect and seek enhancement to the rights and benefits of pensioners from the Federal Public Service, the Canadian Forces and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. On its own or as part of coalitions, the Association is involved in advocating policies and programmes for an ageing society. It deals with all major issues that are key to ageing with dignity and in security. The Organization joins twelve seniors groups in Canada in making recommendations on issues such as: pension income security for older Canadians; housing and transportation; ageism; and the health system.

**42. Federation of Korean Gerontological Societies (FKGS)**
Suite 714, Shinbahn Nextel Bldg. # 14, Sosun-Dong, Sungdong-ku, Seoul, KOREA
**Tel** 822 2282 2673 **Fax** 822 2282 2675
**Email** seoul99@soback.kornet21.net
**Contact** Sang Chul Park
**Website** www.gerontolgykorea.org.kr
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
FKGS was established in 1993 and incorporated in 1997. It aims at three main goals: it fosters collaboration in gerontological research characterized by multi and pluri-disciplinary studies, it officially represents Koreans internationally and it is a forum for enhancing friendship between societies and between their individual members. Since the establishment of FKGS, it has been involved

in academic research, policy development and social actions to enhance the well-being of the elderly in Korea.

**43. Fos'ten (Stichting Surinaamse Vrouwen 50+)**
Postbus 12195, 1100 AD Amsterdam Z.O, THE NETHERLANDS
**Tel** 020 6994292 **Fax** 020 6002972
**Email** c.l.harrevelt@hccnet.nl
**Website**
**Contact** Christina Harrevelt
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
The aim of Fos'ten is to stimulate the emancipation of Surinamese women of and above the age of fifty in the Netherlands and Surinam. It strives to launch and support projects which contribute and are conducive to political emancipation, economic progress and social development of Surinamese women. Fos'ten encourages the consciousness and welfare of women and defends their interest by: information provision, observation of problems and referral to parties. It promotes the organization and coordination of policy and launches development programmes.

**44. Foundation for International Cooperation of Projects and Other Activities for Humanitarian Affairs (FIPA)**
P. O. Box 582/2501 CN Den Haag, THE NETHERLANDS
**Tel** 070 396 73 94 **Fax** 070 396 75 31
**Email** mail@fipa.nl
**Website**
**Contact** Paul Gaywood
**Scope** International
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
FIPA works with governmental and non-governmental organizations in different parts of the world. It has defined its role of supplying the necessary expertise to NGOs, thus providing a multi-facet dimension to projects and ensuring maximum utilization of resources. FIPA implements different projects and activities and acts as a humanitarian organization seeking to connect financial providers, experts, countries and their respective communities with the purpose of establishing sustainable activities and programmes designed to combat identified short term and long term social problems. FIPA's activities encompass a range of languages, cultures and ethnicities. They are carried out through partnership for long lasting benefits for communities throughout the world.

**45. Fundacíon Pro-Vida**
Fraccióon Aurora Lote 18-19 Limpio. PARAGUAY
**Tel** 0971 329 191 **Fax**
**Email**
**Website**
**Contact** Lourdes Cuttier
**Scope** National
**Representatives**

**Purpose and Objectives:**
The main objective of the Foundation is to promote better life conditions for the children/adolescents in the family or community environment, especially through programmes on education, food and nutrition, and health. It also establishes and manages educational centres to design relevant programmes for parents, single parents and/or educators. The foundation creates bodies to represent the family unit whenever necessary with a view to protecting the family cell as a whole. It also manages national or international funds and coordinate the actions of all national organizations involved.

**46. HelpAge India**
C-14 Qutab Institutional Area, New Delhi-110016, INDIA

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| **Tel** | 6966641 | **Fax** | 91-11-6852916 |
| **Email** | helpage@nde.vsnl.net.in | | |
| **Website** | www.helpageindia.org | | |
| **Contact** | Vinod Patney | | |
| **Scope** | National | | |

**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
HelpAge India is a national NGO working for the cause and care of disadvantaged older persons in India since 1978. It has run programmes on ophthalmic care, income generation, health care, intergenerational integration, research and advocacy.

**47. HelpAge Sri Lanka**
Age Care Centre, P.O. Box 09, 102 Pemananda Mawatha, Raththanapitiya, Boralesgamuwa, SRI LANKA

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| **Tel** | 823752 | **Fax** | 811147 |
| **Email** | helpage@itmin.com | | |
| **Website** | | | |
| **Contact** | N W E Wijewantha | | |
| **Scope** | National | | |

**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
Established since 1986, HelpAge Sri Lanka aims at improving the quality of life of older persons irrespective of race, caste and creed. It works with and for older persons. It has undertaken programmes both with governmental agencies and other NGOs concerned with ageing to motivate the Government and the larger public on the importance and significance of ageing and the need to take into consideration the concerns of the elderly and public policies and programmes.

**48. Heritage Hospital (Dr. Reddy's Heritage Foundation)**
6-3-655/12 Somajiguda Hyderabad 500082, INDIA

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| **Tel** | 91 40 3379999 | **Fax** | 91 40 3379207 |
| **Email** | heritage@hd2.vsnl.net.in or krganga@hotmail.com | | |
| **Website** | | | |
| **Contact** | K R Gangadharan | | |
| **Scope** | National | | |

**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
Heritage Hospital was started as an answer to families looking for a facility where they could get their elderly family members admitted when they require long-tem care. It offers services for the elderly,

carries out research and educational programmes on ageing, undertakes advocacy actions for senior citizens and their needs and establishes and run programmes for the benefits of the elderly.

**49. Humanitarian Organization "RUHAMA" Zenica**
72000 Zenica, Ulica Crkvice 20 C, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
**Tel** 072/418 865 **Fax** 387 72 418 865
**Email** horuhama@bih.net.ba
**Contact**
**Website** www.zenica.net/ruhama
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
The purpose of Ruhama is to help old and ill people over 60. This help refers to humanitarian and health care. Ruhama has provided its beneficiaries with necessary care through its home care project, with help of volunteers, a medical team, a cleaning team, either in its premises or in the houses of patients since its establishment in November 1993.

**50. Innovation et Promotion pour le Développement solidaire (I.P.D.S.)**
Rue Danton, 69, 59124 Escaudain, FRANCE
**Tel** 33 3 27380488 **Fax** 32 84 345493
**Email** ipds_ong@hotmail.com
**Contact** Jean-Pierre Bakashika
**Website**
**Scope** International
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
IPDS is a non-governmental organization for international solidarity established in September 2000 and governed by French law. Its aims are: (a) to promote any initiative likely to encourage development based on the participation of the population; (b) to study and implement projects for mutually supportive development; (c) to collaborate on all activities with purposes wholly or partly similar or related to its own activities; (d) to strengthen solidarity through emergency and humanitarian intervention; and (e) to raise public awareness in France and Europe of the development situation in the third world by organizing conferences/debates, seminars, symposiums and cultural and recreational activities, and by distributing all kinds of publications.

**51. Intercultural Adults Association**
Av. Rio Branco, 185, Sala 807-CEP 20.040-007- Centro, Rio de Janeiro-RJ, BRAZIL
**Tel** **Fax**
**Email**
**Website**
**Contact**
**Scope** International
**Purpose and Objectives:**
The International Adults Association is a non-profit organization, with its headquarters in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, rendering services to senior citizens of the world. Its main objectives are among others: to promote and increase the transfer of general culture, life experiences and general knowledge of the people or individuals of all nationalities; to guide, motivate and support adults.

**52. International Association for the Study of Obesity (IASO)**
231 North Gower Street, London NW1 2NS, UNITED KINGDOM

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| **Tel** | 44 (0) 20 7691 1914 | **Fax** | 44 (0) 20 7387 6033 |
| **Email** | kat.baillie@iaso.org | | |
| **Website** | www.iaso.org | | |
| **Contact** | Kate Baillie | | |
| **Scope** | International | | |
| **Representatives** | | | |

**Purpose and Objectives:**
IASO is an interdisciplinary society, whose purpose is to improve the prevention, management and treatment of obesity throughout the world by promoting medical research, extending and disseminating knowledge, facilitating contacts between investigators and promoting public education in the field of obesity. It is an NGO in official relations with the World Health Organization and the Commonwealth Health Ministers.

**53. International Longevity Center-Japan (ILC-Japan)**
2-1-7 Nihonbashi-honcho, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, 103-0023 JAPAN

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| **Email** | ilcjapan@mba.sphere.ne.jp | | |
| **Contact** | Shigeo Morioka | | |
| **Website** | | | |
| **Scope** | International | | |
| **Representatives** | | | |

**Purpose and Objectives:**
The ILC-Japan conducts a wide range of research and public relations worldwide on ageing issues from the international and interdisciplinary viewpoints. Its mission is to facilitate collaborative studies and exchange of information on population ageing and longevity. It has been developing positives activities, proposing policy responses, identifying problems and proving results of studies regarding low fertility and ageing. It contributed to the implementation of the Long-term Care Insurance System.

**54. International Longevity Centre-UK (ILC-UK)**
Walkden House, 10 Melton Street, London NW1 2EB, UNITED KINGDOM

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| **Tel** | 01242 821 384 | **Fax** | 01242 821 075 |
| **Email** | enquiries@ilcuk.org.uk | | |
| **Website** | www.ilcuk.org.uk | | |
| **Contact** | David G F Chalk | | |
| **Scope** | National | | |
| **Representatives** | | | |

**Purpose and Objectives:**
The International Longevity Centre UK is the UK's major independent think-tank for issues of longevity, ageing and the new life courses. Through active collaboration with experts in all related fields, ILC-UK aims to ensure that policy-makers and planners in whatever sector have a deepened understanding of all the social, economic and cultural consequences of enhanced longevity. ILC-UK runs a continuous work programme of seminars, papers and research projects, all with the purpose of supporting and sponsoring fresh thinking, new analysis and imaginative planning about the changing life of the elderly and society at large.

**55. Instituto del Abuelo**

Calle Hermanos Deligne N° 202, Gazcue, Santo Domingo, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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**Email** rosy.pereyra@codetel.net.do
**Contact** Rosy Peyrera Ariza
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
This institute aims at promoting healthy and productive ageing among the population of the Dominican Republic. It has created and promoted the Dominican Code of rights of the elderly. It conducted two seminars on the elderly and social security. It has initiated a research project on the incidence and prevalence of elder abuse in the Dominican Republic and is currently working on a research project on the work of older women.

**56. IUS Gentium Conimbrigae-Human Rights Centre (IGC)**

Faculdade de Direito da Universidade deCoimbra, Pátio da Universidade, 3004 Coimbra, PORTUGAL

**Tel** 351 96 688 96 67 **Fax** 351 239 823353
**Email** cgomes@fd.uc.pt or iusgenti@fd.uc.pt
**Website** www.fd.uc.pt/IGC/index.htm
**Contact** Carla Marcelino Gomes
**Scope** International
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
IGC is a scientific and technical association. It promotes the study of contemporary international problems and particularly those which are historically of concern to Portugal, international law and cooperation, and interdisciplinary research. It provides courses on international studies and focuses on issues relating to development. IGC organizes seminars and colloquies and publishes research results. It grants scholarships for research work.

**57. Japan NGO Council on Ageing (JANCA)**

5th Floor, Miyadera Building, 5-3-10 Minamishinagawa-ku, Tokyo, 140-0004 JAPAN

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**Email** info@janca.gr.jp
**Website**
**Contact** Tsutomu Hotta
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
JANCA is an umbrella organization working for older persons. It strives to adapt the Japanese social security system to challenges of the 21st Century. JANCA works closely with other NGOs, the Japanese Government and the United Nations to implement the United Nations Principles for Older Persons (Independence, Participation, Care, Self-Fulfillment and Dignity). Topics of concern to JANCA include employment and income, health and social welfare, learning and social participation, housing and living environment.

**58. Johanniter Institution Radevormwald**

Siepenstrasse 33, 42477 Radevormwald, GERMANY

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**Contact** Reinhold Kikl
**Website**
**Scope** International
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
The Johanniter (Order of St. John of Jerusalem) Institution Radevormwal includes a hospital, a home for old people and a residence with individual care for older people. For years, it has been the starting point for network of social competence in the community of Radvormwald. Since October 2001, the Johanniter Institution Radvormwald is partner of the World Health Organization, Regional Office for Europe, in the programme entitled "Investment for health of older people".

**59. Liberia Hunger Foundation**
Perry Street, P.O. Box 10-3903, Monrovia, LIBERIA
**Tel** **Fax**
**Email** liberahunger@yahoo.com
**Contact** Mambu G. David
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
The Liberian Hunger Foundation seeks to mobilize resources to provide medical services, food and education for the improvement of child-care, the aged and other vulnerable groups in Liberia. It also advocates for the poor and the aged victimized by seven years of war in Liberia. The foundation works to address the situation of violence resulting from the war.

**60. Liberian Council for Child and Family Welfare**
Dempster Compound, 3rd Street, Sinkor, P.O.Box 10-75, 1000 Monrovia, LIBERIA
**Tel** **Fax** 231 227838
**Email** lccw@yahoo.com
**Website**
**Contact** Erick B. Vincent
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
The Liberian Council for Child and Family welfare works in favour of less fortunate children with a view to improving their well-being. It provides assistance to most disadvantaged segments of society such as orphans, widows and the elderly.

**61. Liechtensteinischer Seniorenbund**
Postfach 130, FL-948 Gramprin-Bendern, LIECHTENSTEIN
**Tel** 41 75 232 2182 **Fax** 41 75 232 2181
**Email** ngebhar@adon.li
**Website** www.seniorweb.ch/bodenseeplattform
**Contact** Ingrid Allaart-Batliner
**Scope** National
**Representatives**

**Purpose and Objectives:**
The organization represents the interests of older people living in the Pricipality of Liechtenstein. It promotes: (a) the improvement of living conditions of the elderly; (b) the social acknowledgment as well as the improvement of the legal and economic status of senior citizens; (c) a living style corresponding to the needs, abilities and possibilities of older persons in the spirit of the universal declaration of human rights, the Charter of the United Nations and the European Charter; and (d) the relations of older generations among themselves as well as to the younger generation. The organization is a link between the Government and older people. It seeks to encourage closer cooperation with all institutions active in the field of ageing. It puts emphasis on the importance health-related bodies and other entities working towards achieving autonomy of senior citizens.

**62. Maccabi Healthcare Services**
27, Hamered Street, P.O. Box 50493, Tel Aviv 68125 ISRAEL

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| **Tel** | 972 3 5143535 | **Fax** | 972 3 5143640 |
| **Email** | Jlem@mac.org.il | | |
| **Website** | www.maccabi-health.co.il | | |
| **Contact** | John Lemberger | | |
| **Scope** | National | | |
| **Representative** | Dr. Yosef Bregman | | |

**Purpose and Objectives:**
Maccabi Healthcare Services is a health plan delivering primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare services to its members. It is a public non-profit organization registered under Israeli law and governed by a board of directors made of laymen from different walks of life. Besides the normal activities of the health plan, the following specific services deal with the current and future ageing population of Israel: geriatricians have been place in the seven regional subdivisions; health care units are being upgraded, expanded and remodeled; geriatric hospitalizations are monitored to allow the optimum placement of those needing short or long term hospitalization; comprehensive multidisciplinary geriatric assessment units are being established, etc.

**63. Merck Institute of Aging and Health**
1100 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 350, Washington, D.C. 20005, USA

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| **Tel** | 202 842 0525 | **Fax** | 202 354 6599 |
| **Email** | patricia-barry@merk.com | | |
| **Website** | www.miahonline.org | | |
| **Contact** | Patrica P. Barry | | |
| **Scope** | International | | |
| **Representatives** | | | |

**Purpose and Objectives:**
The Merck Institute of Aging and health is a non-profit, noncommercial organization funded by the Merck Company Foundation. It is dedicated to improving the health, independence and quality of life of older adults around the world. The Institute is working to fulfill its mission by communicating vital health information, educating the public and health professionals about ageing and encouraging health research in the ageing field. By developing programmes and collaborating with other organizations to support its overall mission, the Institute plans to accomplish three objectives. Fist, it will increase health knowledge and promote healthy behaviour among older adults. Second, it will improve health care for older adults by enhancing health professionals' understanding and appreciation of ageing. Third, it will help encourage research on the ageing process and related diseases and facilitate the translation of that research into better health for seniors.

**64. Mission Armenia**
Nzdeh 42, Yerevan 375026, ARMENIA
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**Email** ripsik@arminco.com
**Contact** Hiripsime Kirakosyan
**Website**
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
Further several years of volunteer work of the core members of Mission Armenia in the aftermath of 1988 Earthquake and conflict, the organization was created and officially registered in 1993. Its mandate is to support the elderly with a community-based approach. It aims at reducing human suffering and promoting poverty mitigation. The organization is involved in various initiatives to assist hundreds of disadvantaged elderly.

**65. Mongolian Association of Elderly People (MAEP)**
Chingis Avenue 3, Post Office 44, Ulaanbaatar, MONGOLIA
**Tel** 976 11 326138 **Fax** 976 11 326138
**Email** ahmed@mbox.mn
**Website**
**Contact** Jambyn Tsendsuren,
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
The main goal of MAEP is to defend the interests of the elderly. It works with the Government and other NGOs to ensure that senior citizens receive proper health care, social security benefits and their living conditions are improved. MAEP strives also to widely involve the elderly in the social, political, economic and cultural life of the country. MAEP carries out activities in the following fields: home visit/nursing, day care center, advocacy, recreation, training, family support and health.

**66. Mouvement International des Femmes pour la Démocratie et le Développement (MIFED-Congo)**
BP 9986 Kinshasa 1, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO
**Tel** 243 7802308 **Fax** 243 8928613
**Email** mifedcongo@yahoo.fr
**Website**
**Contact** Sylvie Elenge Nyembo
**Representatives**
**Scope** National
**Purpose and Objectives:**
The main objective of MIFED is to contribute to the improvement of the status of women with a view to achieving the well-being of women. MIFED fights all forms of discrimination against women and promotes equality of genders. In connection with the 2nd World Assembly on Ageing, FIMED is working on an assessment of the situation of the elderly taking into account progress made in fighting discrimination against older persons.

**67. Movimiento por la Paz, el Desarme y la Libertad (MPDL)**
San Agustin, 3-3°, 28014 Madrid, SPAIN
**Tel** 34 91 429 76 44 **Fax** 34 91 429 73 73
**Email** mpdl@mpdl.org
**Website** www.mpdl.org
**Contact** Francisca Sauquillo
**Scope** International
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
MPDL strives for the promotion of peace, liberty, solidarity among individuals and nations as essential values and solutions to the problems of mankind. It supports development and disarmament in international relations, defending human rights, fighting social injustices and social exclusion, uprooting poverty among the most vulnerable segments of the population (women, children, the elderly), increasing public awareness of the ecology and environment degradation. MPDL's working guidelines include the mutual interactivity between cooperation activities abroad and its involvement in immigration issues in Spain. MPDL carries out programmes in the Middle East, Africa, Asia, Central America, the Caribbean and South America. It has established a geriatric and social service in the area of Beit Sahour in Bethlehem.

**68. National Association on HIV Over Fifty (NAHOF)**
C/o Southwest Boulevard Family health Care Services, Inc., 340 Southwest Boulevard, Kansas City, KS 66103, USA
**Tel** 816 421 5263 **Fax** 913 722 2542
**Email** jcampbell@hivoverfifty.org or jfowler@hivoverfifty.org
**Contact** im Campbell or Jane O. Fowler
**Website** www.hivoverfifty.org
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
NHOF was founded at the National Conference on AIDS and Aging in October 1995 at New York. The mission of the Association is to promote the availability of a full range of educational and preventive services, as well as health care programmes, to persons over the age of fifty affected by HIV. NAHOF advocates for the inclusion of the concerns of people in middle and later life into legislation and programme strategies. It addresses issues relating to ageing in the HIV community ass well as the lack of commitment to address HIV issues in the ageing service network. In the conduct of its work, NAHOF seeks partnership with policy-makers and institutions and individuals capable of providing financial resources.

**69. National Council of Family Relations (NCFR)**
3989 Central Avenue NE, Suite 550, Minneapolis, MN 55421, USA
**Tel** 763 781 9331 **Fax** 763 781 9348
**Email** ncfr3989@ncfr.org
**Website** www.ncfr.org
**Contact** Michael L. Benjamin
**Scope** National
**Representatives**

**Purpose and Objectives:**
NCFR provides a forum for family researchers, educators and practitioners to share knowledge and disseminate information about families and family relationships. It aims at establishing professional standards and works to promote family-well-being. NCFR publishes two scholarly journals (the Journal of Marriage and Family and the Journal of Family Relations). It sponsors an annual conference of juried cutting-edge research papers, methods and practices. It promotes family life education, sets criteria and guidelines for family life education curriculum, develops other family life education publications and products and certifies family life educators.

**70. National Indian and Inuit Community Health Representatives Organization (NIICHRO)**
P.O. Box 1019, Kahnawake, Quebec J0L 1b0, CANADA

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| **Tel** | 450 632 0892 | **Fax** | 450 632 2111 |
| **Email** | niichro@niichro.com | | |
| **Website** | www.niichro.com | | |
| **Contact** | Margaret Horn | | |
| **Scope** | National | | |
| **Representatives** | | | |

**Purpose and Objectives:**
The goal of NIICHRO is to improve the quality of health care services offered to Indian and Inuit people through the work of the Community Health Representatives. Activities carried out by NIICHRO include the development of training tools, national training sessions and advocacy on health issues.

**71. National Seniors Association (NSA)**
Level 11, NAB Building, 255 Adelaide Street, Brisbane 4000, AUSTRALIA

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| **Email** | s.saunders@nationalseniors.com.au | | |
| **Contact** | David R. Deans or Sarah Saunders | | |
| **Website** | www.nationalseniors.com.au | | |
| **Scope** | National | | |
| **Representatives** | | | |

**Purpose and Objectives:**
The National Senior Association (NSA) was formed in 1991 from the merger of Mature Australia of New South Wales and Later Years of Queensland and a further merger with Self Funded Retirees of Western Australia. The objectives of NSA are: to provide economic and social benefits for its members; to represent the views of its members to the Government; and to provide financial assistance, service and advice to charitable institutions assisting seniors.

**72. Nederlandse Islamitishe Bond voor Ouderen (Dutch Islamic Elderly Union)-NISBO**
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| **Email** | nisbo@nisbo.org | | |
| **Website** | www.nisbo.org | | |
| **Contact** | S.T.K. Damra | | |
| **Scope** | National | | |
| **Representatives** | | | |

**Purpose and Objectives:**
NISBO aims at promoting the interests of Muslim elderly in the Netherlands. Most of those Muslim elderly have a background in international labour migration from Turkey and Morocco from the 1960s.

Currently, about 50,000 Turkish and Moroccan elderly live in the Netherlands. By 2015, this number will have risen to 12,000. NISBO was founded in 1993 to address problems encountered by Muslim elderly who found themselves in a disadvantaged situation, particularly regarding health and housing services. NISBO has developed rapidly to deal with those problems in addition to questions relating to income. NISBO has also developed programmes and conducted research.

**73. Nederlands Instituut voor Zorg en Welzijn (Netherlands Institute for Care and Welfare)-NIZW**

Catharijnesingel 47, Postbus 19152, 3501 DD Utrecht, THE NETHERLANDS

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**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**

The trust of NIZW is to develop and innovate the vision, policy and application of care and welfare. Its work focuses on provision of home care, shelter and community work. The target-groups of NIZW's programmes are the elderly, youth and persons with disability. NIZW is also involved in developing and disseminating information for the care and welfare sector, and in relation to occupational and training issues. In conducting its activities, NIZW puts emphasis on promoting study, research and experiments, developing quality criteria and designing expertise enhancement programmes that are in relation to the needs of its executive work.

**74. Nepal Participatory Action Network (NEPAN)**

New Baneshwor Chowk (South) Kathmandu, P. O. Box 13791, NEPAL

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**Email** nepan@mos.com.np
**Contact** Chet Nath Kanel
**Website**
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**

The objectives of NEPAN are: (a) to organize symposia, conferences, workshops and meetings to promote and advocate for principles and share experiences of participatory actions; (b) to develop training programmes for furthering the improvement of skills and knowledge of trainers and practitioners as and when needed; (c) to undertake methodological research with a view to making advances in the understanding and practice of participatory development. NEPAN's work relating to ageing includes the following topics: Age awareness workshop, Participatory research planning workshop on the elderly and celebrating the Day of Older Person.

**75. Netherlands Platform Older People and Europe (NPOE)**

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**Contact** Ger Tielen or T. van Lier
**Website** www.npoe.nl
**Scope** International

**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
NPOE assists organizations and groups concerned with older people to develop their European contacts and projects. It aims at strengthening the position of older people and integrating international standards and conditions into the protection of the interests of older persons. It stimulates participation in European programmes and projects, which is achieved by informing and advising Dutch organizations on opportunities and developments. Another task of the Platform is to assist foreign organizations finding Dutch partners and vice versa.

**76. OWL The Voice of Midlife and Older Women**
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**Contact** Lupe Solis
**Website** www.owl-national.org
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
OWL is a national grassroots membership organization focusing on issues unique to women as they age. It strives to improve the status and quality of life for midlife and older women. Since its inception over 20 years ago, OWL has worked for health, employment, economic security, housing and anti-discrimination programmes to benefit older women.

**77. Protestants Christelijke Ouderen-PCOB (Protestant Christian Elderly Association)**
Blijmarkt 12, Postbus 1238, 8001 Be Zwolle, THE NETHERLANDS
**Tel** 038 422 55 88 **Fax** 038 421 21 24
**Email** pcob@seniorweb.nl
**Contact** J. Van der Spek
**Website**
**Scope** International
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
PCOB is an umbrella organization of several protestant Christian churches. It strives for the spiritual and material interests and for the well-being of the elderly in general, and its members in particular. POCOB's main areas of interest are: (a) political and social struggle to uphold the interests of the elderly at the local, regional, provincial, national and international levels; (b) developing social and cultural activities; (c) keeping the elderly vital with respect to social functions; and (d) offering support to the need for the elderly to live an independent and productive life.

**78. Resource Integration Centre (RIC)**
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**Email** ricbdesh@dhaka.agni.com
**Website**
**Contact** Abul Haseeb Khan
**Scope** National
**Representatives**

**Purpose and Objectives:**
RIC has been working in the field of income generation among the poor people including the elderly providing essential health services, education, disaster preparedness and prevention of environmental degradation.

**79. Rural Environment and development Association (REDA)**
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**Email** ngonetwork@enet.com.np
**Contact** Rajendra K.C
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**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
REDA is a voluntary organization. Its main work is environmental research with the goal of protecting the environment in rural as well as the urban areas of Nepal. It works with 243 community-based organizations in Nepal. Local cooperative movements are the target-groups of REDA's projects. Activities of REDA focus on sustainable development.

**80. SAGUN**
P. O. Box 7802, Kathmandu, NEPAL
**Tel** 2-47920/2-29544 **Fax** 977 1 247920
**Email** sagun@harmony.wlink.com.np
**Website**
**Contact** Ganesh Yonzan
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
SAGUN has developed an identity as a professional organization working on capacity building of grassroots organizations, particularly training, action and research. It has provided substantial number of training courses to social development workers, community organizers and community leaders working in different parts of the country. SAGUN is currently conducting a campaign to promote issues relating to ageing and lobbying for policy change in Nepal taking into account the situation and conditions of the elderly.

**81. Service International pour le Réfugiés et pour la Paix (SIRPAX)**
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**Contact**
**Website**
**Scope** International
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
The principal objectives of SIRPAX are: (a) to promote human rights, including the rights of refugees, and democracy; (b) to promote the right of asylum and peace in Africa; (c) to seek peace and means of peacefully resolving conflicts in Africa; (d) to provide assistance to and solidarity with refugees; and (e) to raise international public awareness of the indivisibility of human rights, peace and development.

**82. Sociedad Española de Enfermeria Geriatrica y Gerontologica (Spanish Society of Geriatric and Gerontology Nursing)-SEEGG**

Avda. De Viana, 1, 26001 Logroño (La Rioja), SPAIN

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**Website**
**Contact** J. Javier Soldevilla Agreda
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**

SEEGG's working areas are geriatrics and gerontology. Its main objective is to conduct research and provide nursing care in the field of ageing. This includes a multidisciplinary approach focusing on the medical, social, cultural and ethical aspects of the ageing process and dignity of the elderly. SEEGG also aims at providing quality care to senior citizens. SEEGG identifies and trains professionals active in the fields of geriatrics, gerontology and nursing care to the elderly. It focuses on relevant knowledge and development applying to these sectors. It cooperates with relevant national and international societies with a view to sharing expertise. SEEGG disseminates information relating to nursing geriatrics and gerontology.

**83. Society for Participatory Cultural Education (SPACE)**

Patan Dhoka, P. O. Box 9636 Kathmandu, NEPAL

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**Contact** Dharma Raj Shrestha
**Website**
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**

SPACE aims at ehancing self-reliance and local initiative through grassroots education and community development. It focus on helping the landless ethnic minorities and the poor and powerless groups. Established in 1979, this organization has been known as the Human and National Development Service. With its current legal status, SPACE begun activities in 1990. Initially set up to provide literacy classes, it has integrated health, agro-forestry, community development, networking, income generation and livelihood enhancement activities into its programmes.

**84. Senioren-Kolleg Liechtenstein**

Postfach 330, FL-9493 Mauren, LIECHTENSTEIN

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**Website** www.senioren-kolleg.li
**Contact** Berty Malin-Ziegler
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**

Completion and expansion of the existing educational opportunities so as to make it possible to offer further education on various topics of ageing; promotion of friendly cooperation among the members of the organization. Main activities include: providing regular educational opportunities for the elderly in the line of the aims of the Liechtenstein adult education system; guaranteeing well planned and most

qualified educational opportunities by cooperating with universities or modern research institutions; assessing and responding to the educational needs of the elderly; and cooperating with domestic and foreign organizations having the same or similar objectives.

**85. Outreach**
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**Website**
**Contact** Rajul Mehta
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
Outreach aims at reaching out the marginalized section of the society such as the elderly, disabled persons, women, children and people in distress in India and make positive changes to their physical reality as well as existing attitudes towards them. It intends to address the problem of elder abuse by identifying the abused elderly, encouraging them to open up and mobilizing them to participate in a dialogue to be communicated to policy-makers.

**86. People's Cultural Centre (PECUC)**
H. No. VII-H-26, Salashree Vihar, Bhubaneswar- 21, Orissa, INDIA
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**Email** pecuc@hotmail.com
**Website**
**Contact** Ranjan Kumar Mohanty
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
The purpose of PECUC is to facilitate people's empowerment and sustainable development and to coordinate all its activities for the empowerment of people and the protection of human rights with emphasis on the aged, children and women. In conducting its works, PECUC strives for: (a) promoting self help opportunities for older persons; (b) ensuring socio-economic security of the elderly; (c) creating self-confidence and a sense of dignity among the elderly and thereby bringing them to the mainstream of development; (d) creating an atmosphere towards a positive attitude of the ageing process.

**87. Philippine Retirement Authority Member Association (PRAMA)**
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**Email** prama@info.com.ph
**Website**
**Contact** Charmaine Anne B. San Diego
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
The Philippine Retirement Authority Member's Association (PRAMA) Foundation Inc. is the non-governmental organization of foreign national retirees enrolled under the Philippine Retirement Authority Programme of the Philippine Government. Its mission is to concretize the national imperative

of attracting additional foreign exchange through an innovative and specialized institution in the development of the country's retirement industry. PRAMA promotes a positive view about and among older persons and contributes to the emergence of a strong worldwide movement of organizations working with and for older persons.

**88. Positive Ageing Foundation of Australia**
Old Cloisters Building, 200 St George's Terrace, Perth, WESTERN AUSTRALIA 6000
**Tel** 08 9482 2000 **Fax** 08 9482 2001
**Email** info@positiveaging.com.au
**Website** www.positiveageing.com.au
**Contact** Deborah Hegarty
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
The Positive Ageing Foundation is dedicated to opening up new opportunities for older Australians. It works with mature Australians as partners in service delivery, education, advocacy and applied research. The Foundation recognizes and acknowledges seniors for their roles as community developers, teachers, mentors and researchers. It encourages them to take up roles as leaders and inventors in their communities. Services provided by the Foundation are designed to break down barriers in information, discrimination, isolation, access and the rapid pace of development technology.

**89. Taskforce Ouderen En Arbeid (Taskforce Older Workers and the Labour Market)**
Bezuidenhoutseweg 60, Postbus 90405, 2509 LK Den Haag, THE NETHERLANDS
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**Email** info@ouderenenarbeid.nl
**Contact** Ger Tielen
**Website** www.ouderenenarbeid.nl
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
The Taskforce was founded on the basis on the assumption that the active involvement of older people in the labour market is essential to their own development as well as that of the workplace, the economy and society at large. It brings together representatives of organizations of workers, employers, women, migrants, older people, scientific institutions, political movements and the media in an attempt to break the tradition of linking early retirement with age and inactivity.

**90. Unie van Katholike Bonden van Ouderen UNIE KBO**
**(Association of Catholic Organizations of Senior Citizens in the Netherlands)**
Posbus 325, NL- 5201 AH 's-Hertogenbosch, THE NETHERLANDS
**Tel** 31 73 612 34 75 **Fax** 31 73 689 10 15
**Email** secretariat@unikbo.nl
**Website** www.uniekbo.nl
**Contact** Niek van Heijden
**Scope** National
**Purpose and Objectives:**
Unie KBO stands for a society in which all people will feel at home. It promotes the interests of senior citizens and develops a range of activities and services for them considering the needs and desires of various groups of senior citizens.

**91. Union of Retired People of Russia**

N 26, Bronnitskaya Str., Ramenskoye, Moscow District, RUSSIA

**Tel** 096 4612159 **Fax**
**Email**
**Website**
**Contact** Boris Panov
**Scope** National

**Purpose and Objectives:**

The Union was established in 1994. It aims at assisting retired people of Russia by defending their fundamental human rights and socio-economic interests. It has invested efforts to improve living conditions of older persons, focusing on provision of educational, cultural and recreational resources and opportunities. The Union has regional sections in 30 regions and Republics of Russia and has more than five thousand registered members.

**92. Valencia Forum**

Centre for Ageing Studies, Level 3 Oliphant Building Laffer Drive, Bedfort Park SA5042, AUSTRALIA

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**Website** www.valenciaforum.com
**Contact** Gary Andrews
**Scope** International
**Representatives**

**Purpose and Objectives:**

The Valencia Forum is a global scientific meeting to be held immediately preceding the Second World Assembly on Ageing. It will constitute a process that engages the world's academic, professional and provider (practitioners and service) community concerned with the science and practice of gerontology, geriatrics and the aged care. The Forum will marshal the world's leaders in the study, teaching and practice of gerontology as well as in the provision of care and services to the ageing and to distil the essence of their individual and collective experience, knowledge and understanding of how best to address the issues associated with global ageing.

**93. Viet Nam Red Cross Research Centre for Ageing Support (RECAS)**

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**Scope** National
**Representatives** Nguyen Thi Ngoc, Bui The Cuong, Do Thinh, Nguyen Thi Lien

**Purpose and Objectives:**

RECAS was established in 1991 with the main aim of carrying out research and social activities directed to ageing and the needs of the elderly. Its work deals with: (a) research on ageing and its relationship with the family, community and society, with the objective of implanting national policy on ageing; (b) promoting social programmes to generate suitable employment opportunities; (c) providing consultancy and services to the elderly; (d) training care personnel and volunteers to provide home and community-based services to older persons; and (e) raising awareness and disseminating information on the ageing process and the conditions of older persons.

**94. Voluntariado De Ancianos (VO.DE.AN)**
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**Scope** National
**Purpose and Objectives:**
This organization aims at improving the situation of older citizens by providing them relevant health, social and cultural services. It strives to have senior citizens take an active role in the life of their communities so as to have younger generations take advantage of their experience and knowledge. It has created the Foundation Pro Senex with a wide range of services for older citizens.

**95. Volunteer Canada**
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**Website** www.volunteer.ca
**Contact** Stephanie Smith
**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
Volunteer Canada is the national voice of volunteerism in Canada. Since 1977, it has been committed to supporting volunteerism and civic participation through ongoing programmes and special projects. By developing resources and national initiatives, Volunteer Canada engages in research, training and other national initiatives designed to increase community participation across the countries. In the field of ageing, Volunteer Canada has completed an in-depth analysis --in partnership with the Canadian Centre for Philanthropiy-- of the National Survey on Giving, Volunteering and Participating data with a focus on seniors. It has also developed a 'seniors-friendly' environment for the Volunteer Opportunities Exchange (VOE). This is an Internet-based tool that links volunteers to volunteer positions.

**96. Wemos Foundation**
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**Contact** Nina Tellegren
**Website** www.wemos.nl
**Scope** International
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
Wemos is an independent Dutch NGO working since 1981 on international health issues. Its projects focus on the effects of the ageing of the population, health provisions, gender, ageing and health, the caring role of older women and aids, and access to care for older women.

**97. West Japan NGO Network of Ageing**

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**Scope** National
**Representatives**
**Purpose and Objectives:**
This organizations aims at supporting United Nations principles and efforts relating to the improvement of the conditions of older people by raising awareness on United Nations actions and disseminating relevant information. In this connection, it convenes seminars and organizes meetings.